STATEMENT OF

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On Monday, August 7, 1978, a man who has been associated with an attorney for the convicted assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. held a press conference in which he made several serious allegations concerning the conduct of an investigator for the Select Committee on Assassinations. The man making the charges has given a statement under oath to the Committee, though has never been an employee of the committee.

Since the integrity of the committee's investigation of the assassination of Dr. King has been questioned, the committee is looking into the allegations. The investigator charged with misdeeds, a law enforcement officer who has a top secret security clearance based on an extensive background examination of his character, has been interviewed, as have other members of the committee staff who may have had information concerning the investigator's conduct.

On the strength of a preliminary investigation, the committee categorically denies each and every allegation of wrongdoing. It states with assurance that no federal, state or local law or any rule of the House or of the committee has been violated by the investigator or by any other member of the committee staff.

The committee will continue to conduct a complete investigation of the allegations. If any indication of wrongdoing is uncovered, prompt and appropriate action will be taken and brought to public attention. The committee is determined that the America people will not be misled by attempts to discredit the committee and its investigation.

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